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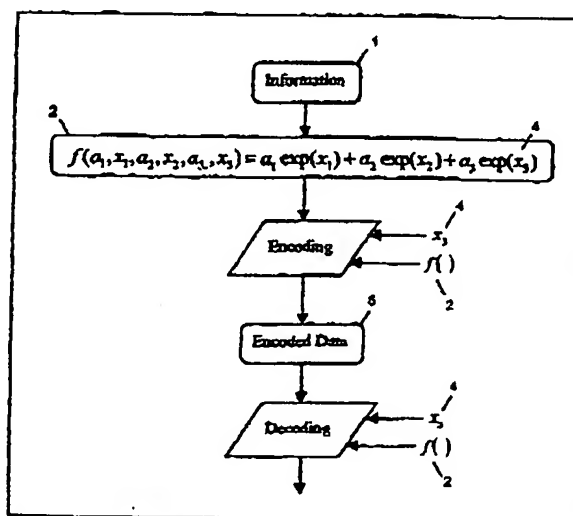
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(57) Abstract: A method for encoding and decoding information, the method comprising the steps of: (a) using at least one mathematical function; (b) producing an encryption algorithm using the mathematical functions such that the algorithm has at least two parameters; (c) defining a decode key of a data stream by defining the value of at least one parameter; (d) defining information to be carried in a data stream by defining the value of at least one parameter; (e) producing a data stream using the encryption algorithm and the defined parameter values; and (f) decrypting the data stream where the decode key is known and used as a constraint in the equation such that the information is available, wherein the encryption algorithm is selected such that decoding of the encryption algorithm would be ill-conditioned without the constraint.

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